



Missouri May Wheat Forecast



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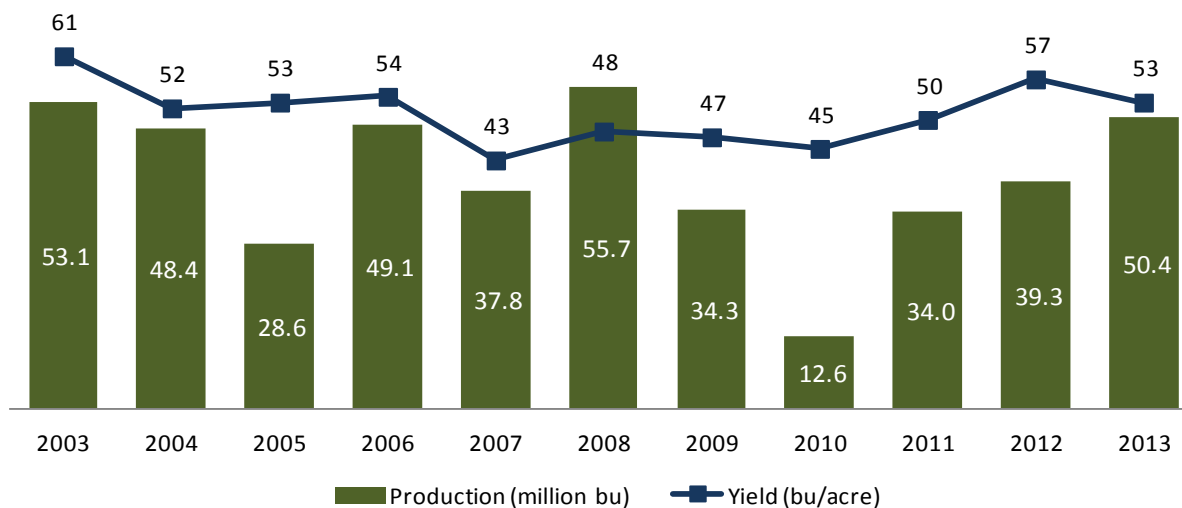
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Missouri Wheat Production Forecast is Highest Since 2008

COLUMBIA, MO - The May 1 **Missouri winter wheat** production forecast is 50.4 million bushels. If realized, this would be an increase of 28 percent from last year and the most production in the state since 2008. Yields in the state are expected to average 53 bushels per acre, four bushels below the 2012 average yield but above the ten year average of 51 bushels per acre. Harvested acres are estimated at 950,000, also the most since the 1.16 million acres harvested in 2008. Planted acres are forecast at 1.1 million acres.

As of May 5, the Missouri wheat crop was generally in good condition with 63 percent of the crop reported in good to excellent condition. However, the cool wet spring has slowed maturation, and heading progress was only at 13 percent, over two weeks behind normal.

Missouri Winter Wheat



Missouri hay stocks are estimated at 600 thousand tons, the lowest since 1984. This is coming off of the drought reduced hay production of 5.254 million tons in 2012, the lowest production since 1988. Stocks are 41% lower than the May 1, 2012 level.

Missouri Wheat Production and Yield by District

AREA	ACRES PLANTED (1000s)		ACRES HARVESTED (1000s)		YIELD (bu/acre)		PRODUCTION (1000s)	
	2012	2013*	2012	2013*	2012	2013*	2012	2013*
NW	29	92	26.7	79	56.2	43.0	1,500	3,400
NC	49	83	46.0	67	50	55.0	2,300	3,700
NE	72	122	66.0	115	60.6	55.0	4,000	6,300
WC	111	124	97.7	120	55.3	45.5	5,400	5,450
C	84	137	72.7	112	56.4	51.0	4,100	5,700
EC	68	94	59.5	78	57.1	52.5	3,400	4,100
SW	130	125	115.9	103	58.7	54.5	6,800	5,600
SC	14	29	8.9	23	48.3	52.0	430	1,200
SE	233	294	196.6	253	58	59.0	11,400	14,900
STATE	790	1,100	690	950	57.0	53.0	39,330	50,350

* May 1 Forecast

U.S. Winter Wheat Production Down 10 Percent from 2012

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.49 billion bushels, down 10 percent from 2012. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 32.7 million acres, down 6 percent from last year. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 45.4 bushels per acre, down 1.8 bushels from the previous year.

Hard Red Winter production, at 768 million bushels, is down 23 percent from a year ago. Soft Red Winter, at 501 million bushels, is up 19 percent from 2012. White Winter, at 217 million bushels, is down 2 percent from a year ago. Of the White Winter production, 11.4 million bushels are Hard White and 205 million bushels are Soft White

The May wheat yield and production forecast and the hay supply estimates are based on a farm operator survey conducted by the USDA-NASS. The farm operator survey was conducted primarily by telephone with some use of mail, internet and personal interviewers.

Link to the US report: <http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/current/CropProd/CropProd-05-10-2013.pdf>

Link to USDA-NASS website: www.nass.usda.gov